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My dear Confreres,

Greetings from the Provincial House, Guwahati.

## **IMMACULATE - PURITY - HOLINESS : STILL THE BEST OPTION**

The feast of the Immaculate conception of Mary, on 8 December, once again calls our attention to careful reading, profound reflection and deep assimilation of how God planned the redemption of humanity from the clutches of the devil into which humanity fell in Adam and Eve. In Isaiah 43 : 1 the prophet says,, “But now, this is what the Lord says — he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel : ‘Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine’”. What is of God, He will not leave to damnation. In his own time, he will save and soon after the fall he began the work of redemption.

St John, the apostle of love in his Gospel writes, “ ... God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son .. ” (John 3:16). God gave Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit with the Yes of Mary. God preserved Mother Mary from all stain of the original sin, not only to conceive Jesus Christ, the most holy Son of God in her womb but also in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race.

Immaculate state of Mary was required for the Son of God to be conceived in the womb of Mary. This led God to plan and implement it.

I still firmly believe that all humans want to live deeply human, holy and pure life. Despite such desires, at times humanity loses battle against the world’s allurements. While acknowledging that many succeed in living a holy life by God’s grace, it is also important on how virtues and models are presented to the young to see and emulate. We Salesians whose society was specifically founded by St John Bosco, so that its members would, first and foremost, seek holiness and sanctity, need to be deeply human and truly holy, as seeing us the youth would follow suit.

Ralph Waldo Emerson’s words, though not specifically speaking of sainthood, are expressive, “What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to

what lies within us." Integrity, authenticity, love and compassion are inner virtues which make us shine outwardly. The immaculate life calls for

introspection, recognizing the potential for greatness and goodness within oneself. In the pursuit of holiness, Mahatma Gandhi's words remind us, "Be the change that you wish to see in the world." It signifies a commitment to embody the values we aspire to witness in the world, contributing to a more humane existence. Living with purity echoes the sentiments of Mother Teresa, who emphasized, "It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." Being immaculate extends beyond external actions to the purity of intentions and the love that infuses our every endeavor. In essence, embracing holiness and purity as part of our vocation to be truly human aligns with the timeless wisdom encapsulated in these profound quotations, guiding us toward a more enlightened and compassionate way of living.

We may not be as privileged as our dear Mother but we rejoice with her and proud of her. Such vocation and privilege have their own accompanying demands and requirements which only She knew fully. We however can also strive for being a good human being, who aims for being pure and holy. After all our father and founder laid huge emphasis on them.

A beautiful tradition in our institutions, especially in our formation houses have been the monthly recollection on 7 December and celebrate the feast of the Immaculate conception solemnly on 8 December and then happily go home to our parents for the winter holidays. We need to keep it up.

The feast of the Immaculate conception is significant to our congregation also for the first encounter of Don Bosco and Bartholomew Garelli. Don Bosco invited him, despite opposition from the sacristan, to serve his Mass, after which he catechised him on the Hail Mary. Article 34 says, "This Society had its beginning in a simple catechism lesson". Don Bosco's passion for the neglected youth and his tremendous faith in God and Mary can be said to be the foundations for the fruitful expansion of the beautiful charism that the Holy Spirit gave to him in "Give me souls". And 8 December is the starting point.

## **PREPARATIONS - A REQUIREMENT TO MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT**

Fallen humanity in Adam and Eve needed a Messiah in the New Adam, Jesus Christ to regain heaven, fullness of life and wholeness. Patiently, Yahweh prepared His own people Israel for centuries, to receive the Redeemer. At regular intervals, He sent his

prophets, judges and Kings. God prepared peoples, times and seasons and in the fullness of time, He finally sent His Son to be the Saviour of his people.

Yahweh prepared Mary. Her immaculate conception was in sync with his plan to send His beloved Son to the world. The doctrine of the Immaculate conception reads thus, "We declare, pronounce, and define that the doctrine which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore to be believed firmly and constantly by all the faithful". God prepared her and she was able to collaborate with Jesus in his work of redemption.

Prophet Isaiah in 40 : 3 prophesied how God sent John the Baptist to prepare the people of Israel. He spoke about the voice of one crying in the wilderness : "Prepare the way of the Lord; Make straight in the desert, a highway for our God". God prepared and he values the time of preparation. Indeed preparation was needed and essential for the full outcome of the mission.

The Gospels - Matthew 3:3, Mark 1:3, Luke 3:4 and John 1:23 speak about John the Baptist who came as the precursor of the Messiah and prepared the people to receive the Lord worthily. St Mathew the Evangelist wrote, "This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him.'" Preparations did help the people.

Our Mother Church prepares her children to celebrate Christmas, the advent of Jesus Christ through well prepared novena. We need to prepare ourselves and our people to celebrate Christmas as meaningfully as possible. Our people expect us, the priests and religious, to be experts in animation. If the Church and convention attendance is decreasing gradually, one of the areas we need to examine will be our preparation and delivery of animation services. Hence preparations are paramount and a precondition for reaping the desired fruits.

As we navigate through the myriad experiences of life, it becomes increasingly evident that preparation is the key to unlocking our true potential and achieving success in various facets of our journey.

1. Prepare for Life: Life is an unpredictable journey filled with opportunities and challenges. By cultivating a proactive approach, one can equip oneself to face the uncertainties that lie ahead. Preparing for life involves developing essential skills and

education, nurturing a growth mindset, and building resilience to adapt to changing circumstances. One must commit oneself to lifelong learning and self-improvement to make the most of the incredible journey one is on. Cultivation of values, ethics, character, quality education while still young are prerequisite to living a full human life throughout.

2. Prepare for Events: Events, whether big or small, play a significant role in shaping our experiences. Whether it's a career milestone, a personal achievement, or a community celebration, adequate preparation enhances our ability to make the most of these moments. Planning, organization, and attention to detail are crucial elements that contribute to the success of any event. Let us collectively embrace the importance of preparation to ensure that every event becomes a memorable and meaningful experience.

3. Prepare for the Priestly and religious life: Embarking on the path to priestly/religious life requires a comprehensive and multi-faceted preparation encompassing spiritual, intellectual, pastoral and human formation. At the core of this preparation lies a strong spiritual foundation. Cultivating a deep and consistent prayer life serves as the cornerstone, allowing individuals to foster an intimate relationship with the divine. Regular participation in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation, further nourishes spiritual growth. Seeking guidance from a spiritual director becomes a crucial component, providing personalized support and facilitating the discernment of God's calling and living in fidelity.

Acquiring basic counseling skills is essential for providing effective pastoral care and support in a variety of situations. Emotional intelligence is cultivated to relate empathetically to individuals from various backgrounds. Cultural competence ensures the ability to serve a broad spectrum of people effectively. Communication skills are to be developed to effectively convey the message of the Gospel.

Discernment is not a one-time event but an ongoing process. Regular reflection, prayer, and participation in annual retreats provide opportunities for individuals to discern their vocation continually. Priests are called to be lifelong learners. Staying informed about theological developments, pastoral strategies, and contemporary issues relevant to the Church ensures continued growth. Upholding professional ethics is paramount in maintaining the highest standards of integrity.

4. Prepare for Marriage: Marriage is a sacred union that requires thoughtful preparation. Building a strong foundation for a lasting partnership involves understanding oneself, effective communication, and developing the skills necessary to navigate the complexities of a committed relationship. Let us encourage open dialogue and provide resources to support individuals and couples in preparing for this beautiful journey of matrimony.

5. Prepare to be a Good Human Being: Being a good human being goes beyond individual achievements; it involves compassion, empathy, and a commitment to making a positive impact on the world around us. Cultivating virtues such as kindness, integrity, and social responsibility requires intentional effort and continuous self-reflection. Let us strive to prepare ourselves to be contributors to a better society by embodying the values that define a good human being.

Hence, preparation is the bedrock upon which a fulfilling and successful life is built. As teachers and educators, let us foster a culture that values and promotes preparation in all aspects of life. Through shared wisdom, support, and commitment to growth, we can empower each other to face life's journey with confidence and resilience.

### **SERVANT OF GOD BISHOP ORESTES MARENGO SDB, DD (1906-1998)**

This year marks the 100th year of the arrival of the Servant of God Bishop Orestes Marengo (1906 – 1998) to North East India. He was chosen to be among the second missionary expedition to Assam. Orestes Marengo, along with seven other novices and a cleric under the leadership of Fr. Stephen Ferrando arrived India on 22 December 1923. Orestes was only seventeen years old then.

To celebrate this historic event, the community of Bosco Mount where SOG spent his last 6 years is organizing a programme on 8 December 2023. The Centenary Celebration of the arrival of Servant of God Bishop Orestes Marengo will begin with a Holy Mass at 10.00 am followed by a short Cultural Programme and a festal Lunch. I therefore request as many confreres as possible to participate in the above mentioned programme as a thanksgiving to the Lord and to honour missionary legacy of SOG Bishop Orestes Marengo. Below I am sharing a brief but inspiring life sketch of SOG Bishop Orestes Marengo hoping that it will inspire and reawaken our missionary zeal.

## **SOG Bishop Orestes Marengo**

Reste! That's how Mummy and Daddy used to call him. He was the most obedient of all their children and had sparkling qualities of head and heart. Orestes Marengo was born on 29 August 1906 at Le Cecche, a country side village about six kms from the town of Diano d'Alba in the province of Cuneo in North Italy. He was baptized on the same day and given the name Emilio Orestes Marengo, "Emilio" being the name of his god-father. Orestes was the fifth child of a family of six children, two girls and four boys. Of these Agnese became a Sister in the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of St. Mary Antida Thouret and Joseph, a priest. Cesare, the youngest remained a bachelor. At 13 he left Le Cecche, the hamlet where he was born, to pursue his studies at Valdocco, Turin, with a view to become a Salesian missionary.

During his four years there, Orestes asked three times to be allowed to go to the Salesian missions of Ecuador. But God had other plans for him. When finally he reached Assam (which then meant the whole of today's Northeast India) on December 22, 1923 with the first group of novices from Italy, Orestes began what became for the next 75 years was an unparalleled saga of missionary commitment.

He returned to Italy for the first time only in 1951 after 28 years of uninterrupted missionary life. That too, at the insistence, of his superiors, who wanted him to be ordained in Turin as the first Bishop of the newly erected diocese of Dibrugarh.

### **A Missionary in the making**

Servant of God Bishop Orestes Marengo had strong Salesian links. His mother was a young girl in Turin when Don Bosco died. She was among the huge gathering of people when the saint's body was transferred to Valsalice. Orestes was born in 1906 at Diano d'Alba, Italy. Fr. Falletti, his parish priest, was a great friend and admirer of the Salesians. In 1918 Card. Cagliari visited his village. Orestes studied for three years with the Salesian Sisters who ran a school in Diano d'Alba. Sr. Catherine Zannone FMA, who taught him, was a missionary in Patagonia, and her missionary experiences kindled in him the desire to go to South America as a missionary.

Orestes entered the Salesian house at Valdocco where he studied for four years during which he came in contact with three of the successors of Don Bosco: Fr. Albera, Fr. Rinaldi and Fr. Ricoldone and several others who had lived with Don Bosco. Recalling the washing of his feet on a Maundy Thursday by Fr. Rinaldi, Bishop Marengo used to remark: "a saint has kissed my feet."

In 1921 during the solemn send off to the first batch of Salesian missionaries to Assam, Orestes was sitting in the sanctuary as a piccolo clero (small cleric). Little did he know then that he would follow their footsteps soon. He was chosen to be among the second missionary expedition to Assam – seven other novices and a cleric under the leadership

of Fr. Stephen Ferrando - who set sail for India in 1923. Orestes was only seventeen years old then.

Marengo was ordained a priest in 1932 in Shillong. He spent his early years of priesthood in Don Bosco, Guwahati, Dibrugarh, Our Lady's House, Bandel and in Sonada. He served as Prefect of Studies, Rector, touring missionary and novice master.

### **Missionary Bishop**

In 1951, he was appointed the first Bishop of Dibrugarh, which at that time comprised of a major portion of the state of Assam and the states of Manipur, Nagaland and the present day Arunachal Pradesh. As Shepherd of the Diocese of Dibrugarh from 1951 to 1964, of Tezpur from 1964 to 1972 and of Tura from 1972 to 1979, and later even after he retired from active ministry in 1979, Bishop Marengo continued to tour villages, visit people and assist in the pastoral mission of the diocese.

His untiring missionary zeal urged him to visit, mostly on foot, more villages than any other missionary in the region. The number of people whose lives he touched is countless. The poor and the sick had a special place in his fatherly heart. He suffered most when he could not help someone in need.

Bishop Marengo mastered more than 20 languages of his country of adoption. He had a remarkable memory for people he met and places he visited. In his 75 years of missionary life, he had been in almost every part of the region. He criss-crossed the Brahmaputra and the hills and valleys of the region hundreds of times, reaching remote villages with the message of the gospel. His life of holiness, simplicity and love for the people won the hearts of all those who came in contact with him. Together with Fr. Ravalico, he was the first Catholic priest to enter Manipur.

### **The Last Days**

Bishop Marengo spent the last two months of his life in the Holy Cross Hospital. Looked after, cared for and surrounded by the confreres of Bosco Mount, confreres of Tura region and the Sisters of Holy Cross Hospital, Tura. On the day he died he was listening to audio cassettes on the Gospel of Luke and told everyone there that he was making his retreat. He breathed his last on 30 July 1998 with the words "Jesus" on his lips. He was 92 at his passing.

With his heavenly birth, the Church in Northeast India lost not only one of the most outstanding and remarkable missionaries, who had worked 75 years in India, but also his death marked the end of the foundational era of the Church and the Salesian congregation in Northeast India.



### **Tribute to the Unparalleled Missionary at his funeral**

Bishop Orestes Marengo's missionary work has no parallels in India. His missionary life span over seven and half decade. He founded three dioceses, established hundreds of churches and institutions, toured almost all every corner of North East. His tours often lasted weeks, sometimes a month. He knew over 20 languages. Touched lakhs of souls, Baptized and administered Sacraments to thousands everywhere. Once one veteran missionary pointed out, everywhere one went, the people would recall with vivid memories the visit of the Bishop even now. They used to say his memory and his works lives on.

Marengo writes in his memoirs: "my touring meant strenuous marching most of the time under sweltering sun or pelting rain. I had to cross overflowing rivers and thick jungle even risking my life, which when I look back, feel I dared with more rashness than courage." Behind such apparent rashness one could sense the burning zeal of the kind that characterized St. Paul and St. Francis Xavier.

Bishop Emeritus George Mamalassery of Tura who presided over the funeral liturgy described Marengo as a man of God, an apostle of Christ and one dedicated totally to the mission of the Church. He was loved and accepted everywhere by the clergy and people because of his outstanding qualities of holiness, humility and compassion for the poor. He won the hearts of all the people who knew him through his kindness.

Late Archbishop Joseph Mittathany of Imphal and the then President of the regional Bishops' Conference called Bishop Marengo a holy man, a zealous missionary and a great pastor. Rev. Gilbert Marak of the Baptist Church in Garo Hills spoke of the ecumenical spirit of Bishop Marengo and said he played an important role in bringing out the ecumenical Bible in the Garo language.

With his death the Church in Northeast India marked the end of an era. His most outstanding qualities were love for the poor and the sick, a man of deep faith and life of prayer, he gave himself up completely to serve the people entrusted to his care, learnt their languages and visited them in their own villages, becoming all things to all people.

### **A LOOK INTO THE YEAR THAT IS ENDING**

As we soon end 2023 and stand at the threshold of a brand new year 2024, the timeless truth of the wisdom of Socrates, who said that "an unexamined life is not worth living" should motivate us to assess our life in the year gone by. Self assessment and evaluation are psychologically healthy and help us to improve further and better our living.

Other great men who echoed similar to Socrates' "An unexamined life is not worth living," include John F. Kennedy who said, "Conformity is the jailer of freedom and the



enemy of growth." Individuals and Institutions that forego critical self examination risk stagnation or a deviation from their intended purpose. Their exhortations become a clarion call for organizations and individuals to engage in personal or collective introspection, fostering adaptability, ethical fortitude, and an unwavering commitment to the common good.

In the profound words of Albert Einstein, "Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving." Carl Jung also echoed deep insight along similar lines, "Your vision will become clear only when you can look into your own heart. Who looks outside, dreams; who looks inside, awakes."

Self-assessment and institutional evaluation are pivotal cornerstones in the edifice of effective work and community engagement. Individually, self-assessment creates room for introspection, enabling us to discern our strengths, weaknesses, and areas for growth. In the eloquent words of Peter Drucker, "What gets measured, gets managed."

By critically evaluating our contributions and approaches, we enhance personal efficacy and cultivate a mindset of continuous improvement. Simultaneously, community assessment is indispensable for understanding the nuanced needs and dynamics of the collective. As Helen Keller wisely noted, "Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much." Evaluating the impact of our work on the community fosters inclusivity and ensures that our efforts are aligned with genuine communal needs. In this symbiotic relationship between self and community assessment, lies the key to fostering meaningful, sustainable, and mutually beneficial progress.

### **START UPS - ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

The Don Bosco Higher Education India (DBHEI), a network of the SPCSA to promote quality and relevant education in the Higher education sector, India held its general body meet in Bangalore. This enriching programme was designed and planned by Fr Joby Joseph (INS), DBHEI Secretary, and Fr Johnson (INK) province delegate and accorded an admirable patronage by the host province.

Less of input sessions, the Meet saw more of field visits and face to face interactions with Kristu Jayanti University, Don Bosco College and Christ University, all in the beautiful garden city of Bangalore. Kristu Jayanti and Christ Universities have to their credit A++ NAAC accreditation. Don Bosco College is hardly one year old but good traditions and practices towards excellence are already in the offing.

Participants collectively learned much about Start ups, entrepreneurship and Social responsibility which could be carefully conceptualised for our institutional level and students could be initiated into them with handholding facilities. It is hoped and desired that such programmes be introduced by us for the benefit of our students.

A startup is an entrepreneurial venture in the early stages of operations, typically created for resolving real-life problems. As many startups solve society's needs, they attract investors and funders because of the tremendous growth opportunities. It is a new business venture providing services or products to an existing and growing market. A startup is in the first stage of operations and comprises one or more entrepreneurs. The primary aim is to answer market demand by creating new and innovative products or services.

Entrepreneurship is the act of creating a business or businesses while bearing all the risks with the hope of making a profit. Recent definition of entrepreneurship is about transforming the world by solving big problems like bringing about social change or creating an innovative product that challenges the status quo of how we live our lives on a daily basis.

The Social responsibility is an ethical framework in which individuals or corporations or institutions are accountable for fulfilling their civic duty and taking actions that benefit society. According to this concept, managers are required to make decisions that not only maximise profits but also protect the interests of the community and society. Typically, companies adopt a plan to prioritise social responsibility. Then, the company self-regulates its initiatives and strategies based on those pre-determined goals.

All the higher institutes of the province participated actively which is very positive and encouraging sign. There are some communities and individuals who have developed the attitude of "this meeting is not meant for me" while in them it is found, lots more competencies are to be visible.

### **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RE-SHAPING SCHOOL LEADERSHIP IN AN ERA OF EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES AND POLICY CHANGES HELD AT DBI**

About 180 participants from India and Bhutan participated in reflection on accelerating and re-shaping leadership in educational institutions vis-a-vis advancement in technologies and policy enactments in today's era. Eminent scholars and seasoned resource persons in education participated and led the input sessions and assisting in devising the way forward.

For us, Salesians, evangelisation and education are the two sides of the same coin. Both are essential for a good human advancement and none of the two can be neglected. Just as both exist simultaneously, both need to be in our ministry. Neglect of one will create imbalance.

We, Salesians have been in the vanguard of quality education since many years. Our past pupils are testimonies of the effective of the pedagogy of Don Bosco - quality with values and ethics. We are a brand in this. Hence, those who get the opportunity to serve this hallowed office as Principals and leaders must walk extra miles to keep up the quality. Pope Paul VI says, "Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses." Salesians, we true witnesses.

As I move around the province, I sincerely felt the urgent need to revamp ourselves in all sectors, especially in community spirituality, village ministry, catechesis and organisation of conventions/Sobhas and very importantly, educational leadership, where those in the helm of affairs need to lead from the front by being present and alert in the school always, aim always at effective animation, imparting formation of life's ethics, values and character, regular follow up of teachers, pupils and past pupils closely and significantly ensuring that all those who come to us, succeed. We need to learn to say, let no one fail.

My experience has been that more often than not, many find huge fault with all the others, other than themselves. As MK Gandhi would say, be the change yourself. It is depressing to blame all others in failures. Good outcome will evade if from day one, foundations of success are not laid. They have to be followed through throughout the year. Like all other works, education needs to be a team/community enterprise.

I sadly observed that our campuses which the earlier leaderships have painstakingly developed need to be more neat and clean. In some they are not upto the mark. Ignoring observations and suggestions are common and they surprisingly are from those who need to learn more.

Education is the apostolate of the community. Rectors must check individualism courageously and effectively. The best forum to own up all the sectors of the community is the House Council.

A few leave debts. It is a bad practice. Payments to publishers are delayed unduly. The community needs to come together often to examine the accounts. Being busy and having not time for such important assembly are only excuses. We leave problems and

issues to future if there are not GB or MC meetings, records and reports of vital documents in files or in office. The Government regulations need to be followed strictly.

Teachers need to be appreciated and loved. They need to be motivated to make teaching and learning joyful, happy and productive. Students still need much greater investment of time from the Rector, Principal, teachers and parents, which at times is missing. Students are also human beings. They fail and have weaknesses. So they need us and you are by profession sent to them. While we have time for sightseeing and visiting friends, we unfortunately do not give adequate time to people who need us especially the young who have difficulty at home, friends, financially, relationship, and even in studying.

Whenever I read the results, I am often sad. You know why. When students fail, it is often the failure of the elders and in the school, it is the Principal and the teachers. Teach in order to make them learn and succeed. Despite all efforts if some fail, we are happy because we have given the best. Often the best seems missing in some.

The International Conference was rated high by the confreres, Mumbai Province whom I met. As the year 2023 is making its exit, and our schools in some regions wind up the academic year, hopefully our youth under our care have learned much. These months are crucial for students who will appear for Board examinations and let us hope that we will be there to follow them up closely.

## **CONDOLENCES**

To the Province of Dimapur at the passing away of Fr TT Joseph.

To Fr Benny Mushahari at the passing away of his elder brother Gervasis Mushahary.

To Fr Francis Basumatari at the demise of his elder brother Simon Basumatari.

## **CONCLUSION**

Christmas is coming soon and it will once again be a moment to thank God for the salvation He has wrought for us. Soon after the Christmas, the Lord will give us a brand new year 2024. As we end 2023, let us count the blessings that all have received in this passing year. The new year once again holds new opportunities for growth and transformation. We prepare ourselves to make a good use of these opportunities and experience growth. Like Mary, our collaboration is essential to experience the blessings of God.

I am very grateful to everyone of you for my experiences of fraternity and closeness. In general, there has been a great sense of unity, collaboration, hard work, fidelity and progress. May the good Lord continue to bless our Province, our communities, our confreres and all our people, especially the youth under our care. Remember in humility that our forefathers have been trailblazers and trendsetters and achieved a miraculous growth. Today you and me are the inheritors of the legacy. We need to keep up our brand and this will happen only if we work tirelessly, have great faith and are faithful.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely in Don Bosco,



**Fr Januarius Sangma, SDB**  
Provincial



DECEMBER 2023		
Date	Day	PROGRAMME
1	Fri	Tura : Preparation for the Ordination
2	Sat	Tura : Ordination of Dn Bromio Ch Marak & Dn Anthony A Sangma
3	Sun	Tura : First Mass of Fr Bromio Ch Marak
4	Mon	Tura : GB Meeting of DB College & DBCTE, Tura
5	Tue	Tura : First Mass of Fr Anthony A Sangma >> Guwahati
6	Wed	Guwahati - Jubilee Celebration - Provincial House
7	Thu	Guwahati : Governing Board Meeting, ADBU (2.00 pm)
8	Fri	IV Retreat commences at 5.30 pm in Provincial House (Fr Loddy Pires SDB) Celebration of 100 years of arrival of SOG Orestes Marengo to NE - B Mount
9	Sat	IV Retreat
10	Sun	IV Retreat - Chapel blessing - Bengtol
11	Mon	IV Retreat
12	Tue	IV Retreat
13	Wed	IV Retreat : Conclusion of Centenary celebration - FMA - St Mary's Convent
14	Thu	IV Retreat ends and Meeting of Confreres
15	Fri	Guwahati
16	Sat	Tura: Celebration of the 1st death anniversary of nephew
17	Sun	Tura >> Guwahati
18	Mon	Guwahati
19	Tue	Amkachi
20	Wed	Umswai
21	Thu	Guwahati
22	Fri	Guwahati
23	Sat	Tura: Holy Mass for Fr Busolin in the Colony
24	Sun	CHRISTMAS
25	Mon	CHRISTMAS : Kokrajhar
26	Tue	Kokrajhar
27	Wed	Tura
28	Thu	Tura : Celebration of Silver Jubilee of ordination at Home
29	Fri	Guwahati >> Satgaon
30	Sat	Satgaon : Chapel blessing and Animation of Migrants
31	Sun	Satgaon : Animation of Migrants